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30 April 1959

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

CONTRACTING OFFICER'S  
DETERMINATIONS AND FINDINGS

AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT

The Central Intelligence Agency proposes to enter into a contract with The Firewel Company, Inc., Buffalo, N.Y., for studies, technical investigations and tests in connection with pilots protective equipment for Project GUSTO.

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I hereby find that this procurement is estimated to cost [REDACTED] and is chargeable to Fiscal Year 1959 GUSTO funds and is for research studies incident to the design and development of highly technical equipment essential to an experimental, developmental and research program presently under procurement and which will result in operational activities. I also find that this procurement is in the interest of National Defense and that it will be certified by the Director of Central Intelligence in accordance with procedure approved by the DCI on 15 December 1956 to be for objects of a confidential, extraordinary and emergency nature and therefore within the purview of procurement authority of the Agency as stated in Section 8(b) of Public Law 110, 81st Congress. Procurement by formal advertising of the services called for by the proposed Contract No. WG-8737 would result in public disclosure of the nature and character of the program as well as the capabilities of the proposed equipment and would thereby jeopardize the security of this project.

I hereby determine, as Contracting Officer for this contract, that the necessity and authority for negotiation of this contract have been adequately documented by proper Agency authority, and that the proposed contract must necessarily be negotiated without formal advertising.

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Contracting Officer, DPD

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Concurrence in Contract No. WG-8737 with The Firewal Co.,  
Inc., Buffalo, New York, [REDACTED] Project GUSTO

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1. This memorandum contains a recommendation submitted for concurrence of the undersigned. Such recommendation is contained in Paragraph 5.

2. Contract No. WG-8737 with The Firewal Company, Inc., provides for studies of pilots protective equipment in connection with Project GUSTO. The contract covers a period of four months and is a CPFF type having an estimated contract price of [REDACTED] inclusive of a fixed-fee of [REDACTED] of estimated cost.

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3. Contract No. WG-8737 obligates [REDACTED] chargeable to Fiscal Year 1959 Project GUSTO funds. This procurement action is authorized by Program Approval, Supplement No. 1, GUS-0206, dated 8 April 1959. By concurrence to this memorandum the Comptroller signifies that sufficient funds are available for this contract.

4. Certification of funds for this contract will be handled under the procedure approved by the Director of Central Intelligence on 15 December 1956 which, in effect, results in all 8(b) expenses involving issuance of Treasury Checks being accumulated in a separate account within the Finance Division. The amounts in this account will be periodically scheduled for certification of the vouchers by the Director. This procedure eliminates the necessity for a separate certification of authority under Section 8(b) of Public Law 110, 81st Congress, for each Contract.

5. Concurrence in Contract No. WG-8737 is recommended.

CONCURRENCES:

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[REDACTED] Comptroller, DPD

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